[Translation]

Late running of Trains between New Delhi and Madras

319. SHRI HANSRAJ AHIR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the up and down trains to New Delhi-Madras are running late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number and details of Express/Superfast trains on the said route reached their destinations late during the last two months; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the said condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the running of trains get affected at times due to reasons such as cyclone in coastal area, accidents, agitations, equipment failures, alarm-chain-pulling, miscreant activities, bad weather etc.

(c) A Statement is enclosed.

(d) All efforts including intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels are being undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers' level are also being launched.

STATEMENT

The detailed number of Express/Superfast trains running late during the last two months are as under

Train No.	September'96		October' 96	
	Days Ran	Days arrived late	Days Ran	Days arrived late
1. 2615 G.T. Express	30	3	30	4
2. 2616 G.T. Express	30	5	29	3
3. 2621 T.N. Express	30	5	30	8
4. 2622 T.N. Express	30	7	29	7
5. 2431 Rajdhani Express	5	2	3	-
6. 2432 Rajdhani Express	4	1	3	2
7. 6031 Madras-Jammu Tawi Express	12	4	6	2
8. 6032 Jammu Tawi-Madras Express	12	2	9	5
9. 2633 Rajdhani Express	-	-	3	2
10. 2634 Rajdhani Express	-	-	3	1

[English]

Introduction of Rajdhani Express between Dimapur and Delhi

320. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce another Rajdhani Express from Dimapur to New Delhi very soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has announced to do so; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d). The Prime Minister has announced the extension of 2423/2424 New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express upto Dimapur. This will be done after the development of terminal and maintenance infrastructure at Dimapur and production of additional Rajdhani rake by the Production Units.

New Railway Lines in Andhra Pradesh

321. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new railway lines proposed to be constructed during 1996-97 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) the number of proposals submitted by the State Government to the Union Government for laying of new railway lines, upgradation and conversion of old lines in the State;